



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Environmental Council was founded on December 11, 1970, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, TEC's founding organizations included Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Nashville Junior League, American Lung Association of Tennessee, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, and the League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, TEC has partnered with numerous state and local agencies and hundreds of community organizations statewide, including the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, and our Tennessee State Parks; and

WHEREAS, a healthy environment is essential for a thriving Tennessee, as our economy, our communities and our well-being depend upon the quality of our natural resources and efficient infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, TEC has an ongoing mission to engage individuals and communities in the continued improvement of our environment and public health, working in both urban and rural communities, in a nonpartisan fashion; and

WHEREAS, simple acts such as planting a tree or a vegetable garden, composting, recycling, cleaning up streams, and getting involved in local community efforts are ways that Tennessee residents can participate in solutions that improve our environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, in celebration of TEC's 50th anniversary, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2020 as

Tennessee Environmental Council Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-eighth day of October, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Richard R. Roberts

Secretary of State